# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2476
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DIRECTION BY NHRC REGARDING MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has directed all States and Union Territories to certify that no mentally ill patient is kept in chains in any mental hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of deaths reported in accidents due to mentally ill being chained, State-wise;

(d) whether any compliance report has been received by NHRC from the States; and

(e) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the further steps taken or being taken by Commission in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO )

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has communicated to Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories (UTs) to certify that no mentally ill patient is kept in chains in any of the mental hospital in their State/UTs.

(c): 28 deaths have been reported from the State of Tamil Nadu to the NHRC.

(d) & (e): The NHRC hasreceived compliance report from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and UTs of Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Chandigarh and Pondicherry.The remaining States were reminded by NHRC to send the compliance report at the earliest.